



# **MARLOW ANGLING CLUB RULE BOOK**

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# MARLOW ANGLING CLUB RULES

## General and Constitutional Rules

1. The name of the Club shall be the Marlow Angling Club, hereafter referred to as the Club.
2. The General objects of the Club shall be to provide the facilities of an angling club for its members, including the organisation and provision of angling, and to promote the interests of Angling and Anglers together with a caring attitude towards the fish and all other wildlife.
3. There shall be four trustees of the Club. These shall nominally be the person occupying the positions of Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Fisheries Officer, but can be changed by resolution of the Committee.  
Trustees shall hold office until the following AGM when their duties are handed over to the new appointees to these positions or until removed by resolution of the Committee.

All properties of the Club including leases and fishing leases shall be vested in the Trustees and their successors to be dealt with by them as the Committee shall from time to time be resolution direct. The Trustees shall be indemnified out of the assets of the club against any risk and expense incurred by them in pursuance of their office.

4. The Club shall consist of the following classes of Members: Ordinary Members are those who have paid the subscription for the current year and having registered their interest with the Secretary have not been barred by any previous Committee for an offence against the Byelaws or principles of the Club.

Upon his/her application an Ordinary Member shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by the Rules and Byelaws of the Club and his/her membership shall cease at the end of the current year.

Honorary Members may be elected at an General Meeting of the Club or by the Committee, for such periods as the meeting shall determine, upon a majority vote of Members past & present voting. All Ordinary members serving on the Committee shall be deemed to be Honorary Members of the year following their appointment.

Life Members are those Ordinary and Honorary members who, having been nominated by another Member of the Club, are elected by a two-thirds majority of the Committee voting to have given long and/or valued service to the Club.

Nominations for Life Membership can be submitted to the Hon. Secretary in writing at any time.

5. The annual subscription fees payable by Ordinary Members shall be recommended by the Committee for ratification by the Annual General Meeting.

The subscription must be paid in full before the Member can take advantage of the facilities or privileges of Membership. The year covered by Membership shall be from April 1st of one year to March 31st of the following year.

Any concessionary subscriptions that may be in operation apply only to juniors, senior citizens and registered disabled anglers. A junior may have reached the age of 12 but not have reached the age of 17 at the time of joining.

Children under 12 can apply for a permit to the Secretary providing they are accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. Seniors Citizens must be over 65 years or over at the time of joining.

6. ALL members must be in possession of their Membership ID Card and a current year permit book. A valid EA Licence must be carried when fishing club waters.
7. The Committee shall expel from the Club any member for conduct which, in its opinion, is injurious to the interests of the Club, or its objects, or its members, or angling, or which contravenes the Club's byelaws. Before expelling the member the Committee shall inquire into his conduct and he shall be given a reasonable opportunity to defend and justify him/her self either in writing or by appearing (with reasonable notice) before the Committee and the Committee's power to expel shall be on a majority vote for those present.
8. An expelled member shall forfeit all rights and privileges of Membership, but shall remain liable for any dues or debts to the Club incurred before his/her expulsion. The financial year ends on 28th February each year. Subscriptions will fall due on the 1st April each year.
9. The management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee (except where otherwise provided by the rules). A President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fisheries Officer, Match Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Club Captain, Assistant Fisheries Officer and a Head Bailiff shall be elected annually at the AGM of the Club after being proposed and seconded and indicating their consent and shall be ex-officio members of the Committee.  
The Committee shall have the power to co-opt up to two members into any vacant position and may, in their discretion, invite any persons whether members of the Club or not, to attend any Committee meeting.

The Committee shall meet in at least 6 months of each year to examine the accounts and to arrange the affairs of the Club and minutes shall be taken at every meeting. Each Life Member, Honorary Member, and fully paid up Ordinary Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote except the Chairman, who will exercise a second casting vote in the event of a tied result. The quorum at a Committee meeting shall be five, at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting shall be ten members.

10. There will be an Annual General Meeting to be held in December, the purpose of which is to lay before the Members present a financial report for the previous year, approve the annual subscription for the coming year, approve changes to the General & Constitutional rules, and elect the officers of the Club.
11. Notice of any resolution to be moved at a General Meeting, unless recommended by the Committee, shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days before the meeting and signed by the proposer and seconder. Any such resolution, unless withdrawn, shall be included in the business of the meeting.
12. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time that the Committee shall determine or by the written consent of ten members of the Club, unless the Committee considers the purpose to be frivolous. The motions to be considered must be published beforehand and a minimum of four weeks notice shall be given to the full membership.
13. At every General Meeting the Chairman, or in his absence, the Vice Chairman, shall conduct the order of business. Except as otherwise provided by the Rules, a majority vote

of the members present voting shall carry any motion or resolution, save that no Rule or Byelaw of the Club may be made, repealed or amended on a vote of less than two-thirds of the members present and voting. Any members absent from such a meeting will be deemed to have given his/her consent to any motion or resolution carried. Accidental omission to give notice to, or non-receipt of notice by, a member shall not invalidate any of the proceedings of the meeting.

14. The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretations of the Club Rules and by Byelaws and the decision of the Committee upon any question or interpretation, or any matter affecting the Club not provided for by the Rules and Byelaws, shall be final and binding upon its members.
15. In the Club Rules and Byelaws, where the context permits, words importing the masculine shall include the feminine and words importing the singular shall include the plural, and vice-versa.
- 16 . If at any meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the club is passed by a majority of the members present and at an Extraordinary General Meeting held not less than six weeks later and at which not less than half the members are present, that resolution is confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of the members voting on it, the Committee must immediately, or at such future date as is specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the property of the Club and, after the discharge of all liabilities, must divide such property equally in proportion to the amount each member has paid in subscription among all the members and on completion of the division the Club will be dissolved.

17. Fishing with LIVE FISH BAIT for predatory species and the use of crayfish is banned on all Club waters and matches.
18. Members MUST NOT light fires, barbecues, damage property, or discharge any firearms on Club waters nor trespass on adjoining land. Gates must be securely closed after passing through. No camping other than bivvies, and strictly NO DOGS whilst fishing. The use of any boat, punt, inflatable dinghy, or radio controlled models or swimming is strictly forbidden. No member is allowed to have a boat on any venue at any time, and members must not induce other parties to use a boat to distribute bait, place baited hooks or free fish.
- 18a. NO waders of ANY description to be worn , or in the possession of, on any MAC STILL waters. If caught breaking this rule you will get an instant 1 YEAR BAN, with no hearing.
19. Members must ensure that their swims are cleared of all litter (bags, cans, plastic bottles, paper etc) before leaving the water even if it is not theirs. Offenders risk expulsion.
20. Members should take home any surplus bait and not discard it in the water or on the banks.
21. Members are not to remove any fish from any Club water without permission from the Club.
22. Members must not transfer fish from one water to another without permission from the EA neither must they move fish between swims in keepnets. (Environment Agency Law)
23. Keepnets must conform to EA specifications and any carp over 1 kilo (2.2 lbs) must only be retained in carp sacks except on club matches. Members must be in possession of a landing net suitable for the size of species they intend catching. The use of unhooking mats is compulsory when fishing for carp and for pike.



24. All members are to abide by Environmental Agency's Regional Byelaws in force at the time.
25. Limited guest tickets can be obtained on application to the Membership Secretary. Guest tickets are not available for Westhorpe (Roachpit) or Ski Lake.
26. Night fishing is considered to be one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.
27. Juniors must be accompanied by an adult when night fishing and must be situated in an adjacent swim. All children under 12 must be accompanied at all times.
28. Club bailiffs, pit management, riparian owners, and other club members can inspect membership cards at any time.
29. If ONE rule breach has been recorded, a 2 MONTH BAN from the club will occur subject to a personal hearing. However, the Committee reserve the right to expel any member infringing any rule (subject to a personal hearing) and use their discretion in any other circumstances not covered by these rules.
30. On waters where a match is taking place, the water is closed until the match has commenced and there can be no pleasure fishing between the starting and finishing pegs of the match.
31. The number of rods and lines being fished at any one time on the Club own waters shall be restricted to a maximum of three plus a marker rod providing they are covered by the required EA Rod Fishing Licence/s. On other waters the holding clubs rules apply.
32. Tackle must not be left fishing unattended (see EA Regional Byelaws)
- 32a. All leases should be signed by three Club Trustees.

## Match Rules

33. Unless otherwise stated their meeting points on Club matches will be:  
River Thames Town Stretch - Peg 14  
Medmenham Thames & Backwater - by lower Farm Gate  
Spade Oak - Lakeside
34. A draw by numbers will be conducted at matches 60 minutes prior to the start of the match on all waters except on evening matches when it will take place 30 minutes before the start. No member is to proceed to his/her swim or place their tackle before the draw has been completed or subject to Captain's discretion.
35. All Club matches to be peg down within nominated sections or otherwise by the discretion of the Captain on the day or specified in the club card.
36. All matches to start and finish on a whistle. Plumbing the depths, placing of keepnets, and wetting groundbait is permitted prior to the whistle.
37. Unless otherwise advertised all competitors in matches to fish with one rod and one hook at any time. Other rods and rigs may be set up in readiness for use later.
38. All dead fish to be verified by another member before being accepted for the weigh-in.
39. All fish caught in matches to be weighted on the clubs official scales by the captain or scalesman for the day.
40. All fish to be weighted at the peg and released carefully afterwards. No throwing fish into the water from high up on the bank. Offenders face disqualification.
41. In Club matches you can enter the water up to 50cm in depth
42. A suitable period of time (15 minutes) will be allowed after the final whistle to land any fish caught prior to the whistle,

providing an adjacent angler is notified when the whistle goes.

43. Spinning is not allowed in Club matches except in bonafide pike competitions.
44. Pike will only count as specimen entries and on a bonafide pike competition.
45. Crayfish will not be weighed in as part of the catch.
46. Match times can only be altered at the draw at the discretion of the Club Captain.
47. Where juniors are accompanied by adults, those adults will be allowed to draw before any other competitors, and the juniors will fish in the nearest peg adjacent to the one drawn. If any other competitor then draws the junior's peg, he/she will be asked to draw again.
48. A member may help another member to land a fish.
49. Certain peg numbers will be designated as a scales peg, Members drawing those peg numbers will be asked to take the scales with them in readiness for the weigh-in.
50. The Captain has the discretion to refuse to weigh any catch where he believes cheating has occurred or the fish to be weighed have been treated in a brutal way. The incident must also be reported to the Committee for further action if necessary.
51. If not enough fish are caught to be able to determine the number and order of prize winners, then it is at the discretion of the Captain or acting Captain on the day to decide how the prize monies shall be awarded.
52. All litter must be cleared from each swim afterwards including any temporary peg number.
53. Spread keep nets out until 15 minutes before the match begins.

# INDIVIDUAL FISHERY RULES

## Rule Changes to Individual fisheries

### 54. **HILLWOOD BEACONSFIELD**

Barbless hooks only. NO groundbait. NO Boilies. NO Nuts  
NO Braid. NO Pop ups. NO Wafers. NO liquidised bread.  
Line strength minimum of 6lb. NO fishing off the driveway.  
Unhooking mats must be used. All tins to be removed.

### 55. **HOLLOWAYS POND (Silver Fish)**

Barbless hooks. NO groundbait. NO Boilies. NO Nuts  
NO Braid. NO Pop ups. NO Wafers. NO liquidised bread.  
All tins to be removed.

### 56. **ALL STILL WATERS & MEDMENHAM BACKWATER**

have a NO WADER policy, as requested by the owners.

57. Members fishing under the power cables on Westhorpe  
(Roachpit) will face expulsion.

58. Members must NOT park in Riverwoods Drive, nor in Lower  
Pond Lane beyond the Cricket Club entrance.

59. NO night fishing is permitted on the Riverwoods stretch.

60. Parking at Medmenham is available via the Lower Farm  
entrance. Keepnets must strictly conform to EA Byelaws and  
a minimum main line strength of 4lb must be used even when  
using a Pole.

61. Fishing at Hillwood Pond is from designated swims only  
(10 max) & Holloways (16 max). Park cars in the car park.  
Fishing is between 7am and dusk only, you must be off by  
nightfall.

62. Members must keep out of the gravel working area on Spade Oak.
63. Westhorpe Lake must now be approached from the grey bridge. Park in the Parkway.
64. When pike fishing a large landing net and unhooking mat must be in the possession of the angler. A minimum line strength of 15lb plus wire trace and semi barbed hooks must be used.
65. Anglers must not be in the possession of waders on ANY STILL club waters.
66. No leadcore to be used at Hillwood & Holloways.
67. Two keepnets to be used at Holloways (1 for carp & 1 for silver fish)
68. 2 Rods Maximum per angler from 1st April to 31st October on Westhorpe Lake (Roachpit) only. All other water are still 3 rods.
69. The flying of Drones & under water cameras are banned on all our waters.
70. You must be in possession of a 42" landing net & an unhooking mat 1000 x 500mm, 50mm thick when specimen fishing for carp & pike.
71. The use of recreational drugs and excessive drinking is NOT PERMITTED on any of our waters.
72. A bucket may be placed in a swim for a maximum of 30 minutes on the Ski Lake & Westhorpe Lake only, whilst you get your tackle over the grey bridge.
73. Anglers are permitted to leave their bivvy for a maximum of 90 minutes in any one single 24 hour period (Rods MUST be brought in)
74. Swims can be occupied for 5 days, followed by 5 days without returning to the same swim.
75. Carp anglers must be in possession of a carp care kit.

76. Please observe & adhere to the clubs publicity rules.
- 76a. Members can share their photos publicly, however, MAC and the venue from where the fish was caught must not be named.
- 76b. Please ensure that the background of the photos does not give away the venue where the fish was caught.
- 76c. If you are associated with a bait company, commercial angling company or blog, and you would like to publicise photos, videos or stories of MAC fish or MAC venues, permission must be approved before hand from the fishery manager and the committee, before any filming takes place.
77. NO sacking or retaining of specimen fish for any longer than 45 minutes.
78. PIKE SEASON - Only fish for pike from October 1st until 31st March.
79. RIG CHECKS - random rig checks will be conducted on all waters at anytime by bailiffs.
80. You can enter the water up to 50cm in depth
81. The Twig rig is BANNED on all MAC waters.
82. All accidents are to be reported to a committee member within 24 hours of it happening so it can be logged in the clubs accident book.

# TROPHIES & AWARDS

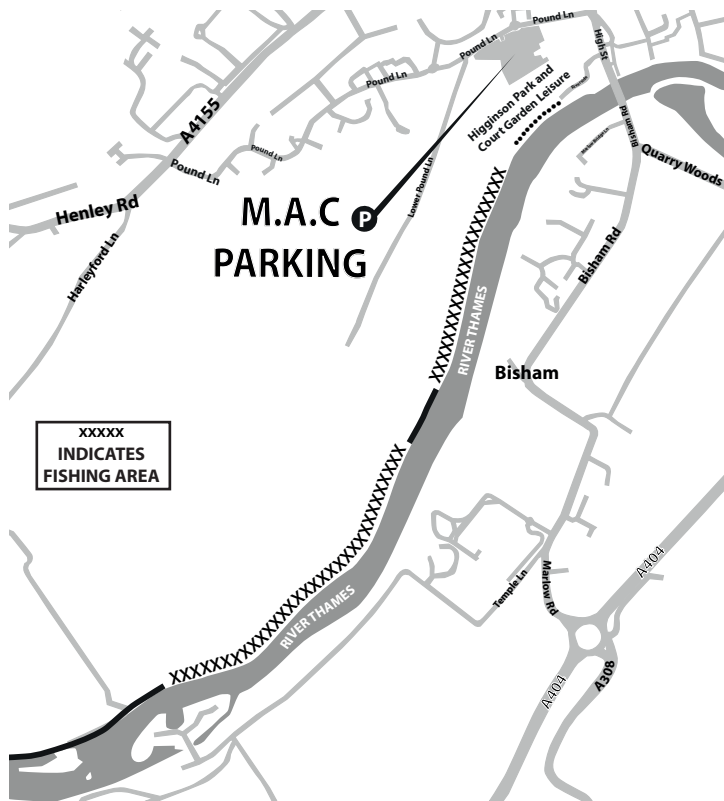
Specimen fish for consideration for awards must be witnessed by two other people and the scales used must be verified by the Committee if required. Weigh slings must be used to weigh all fish and any claims for specimen catches must be reported in writing to the Club Secretary or other Committee Member with contact details of the two witnesses within 7 days of the catch being made.

Trophy holders are responsible for the trophies whilst they are held in their possession. All trophies must be returned to the Club Chairman or Club Secretary before 30th March each year.

# RIVER THAMES IN MARLOW

The Town stretch begins from Higginson Park, fishing upstream to Temple Lock Cut.

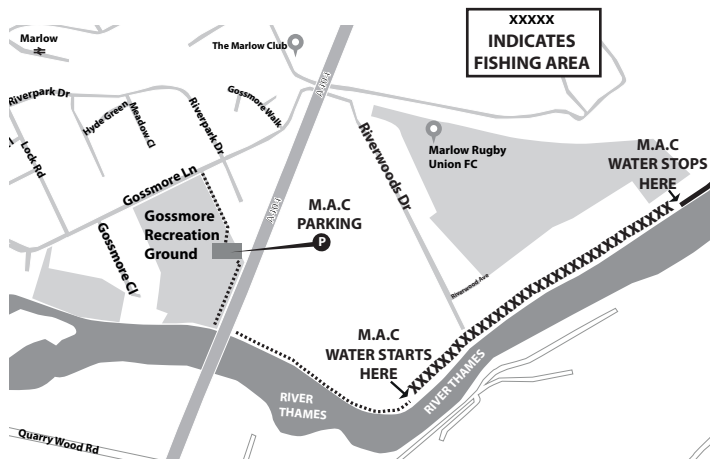
Swims in the park in front of Court Gardens should only be fished between 1st October to 14th March





# RIVER THAMES RIVERWOODS DRIVE

Riverwoods Stretch is at the end of Riverwoods Drive. To access Public Car Park, go down Lock Road from Marlow Donkey Public House and turn left into Gossmore Lane, public car park is on the right for access to free fishing area & Riverwoods.



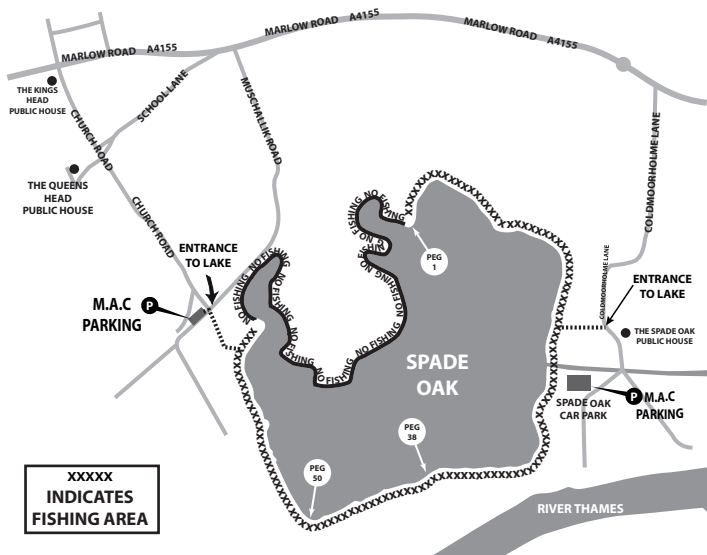
No Night fishing is permitted at Riverwoods.

DO NOT park in Riverwoods Drive. The Landing Stage is private, please move if asked to do so.

MOORING IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN on our water & signs do exist. The land between the towpath and the river is private. If you have trouble with boat owners please take note of the Boats Name/Number, date & time and forward these details to the Secretary.

# SPADE OAK

Take the A4155 from Marlow to Bourne End, In Little Marlow turn right towards Old Church (signposted). Follow Church Road to the end and continue down single track to left of houses on right. At crossroads turn right into Parking Area (shown on map). Access is also available by going down the Thames Water Service Road.

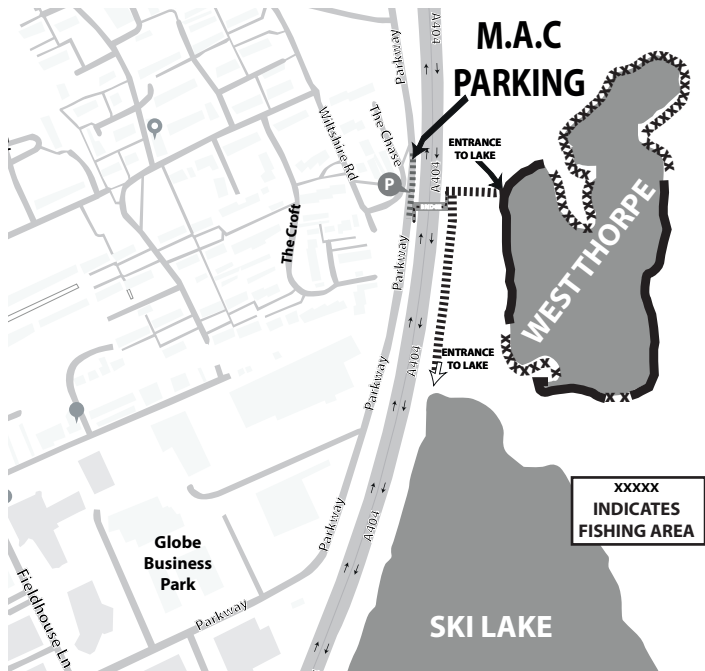


**NO FISHING IS PERMITTED IN THE WORKS AREA**  
Day & Night fishing is permitted in areas indicated by crosses on the map. Please keep clear of nesting birds in the springtime.

Access on foot via footpath from Colmoorhouse Lane -  
Please park in public car park.

# WESTHORPE PARK LAKE

This lake can be found to the East of Marlow Bypass. The lake access is via the grey bridge or from Wiltshire Road. Parking is on the main road in the Parkway.



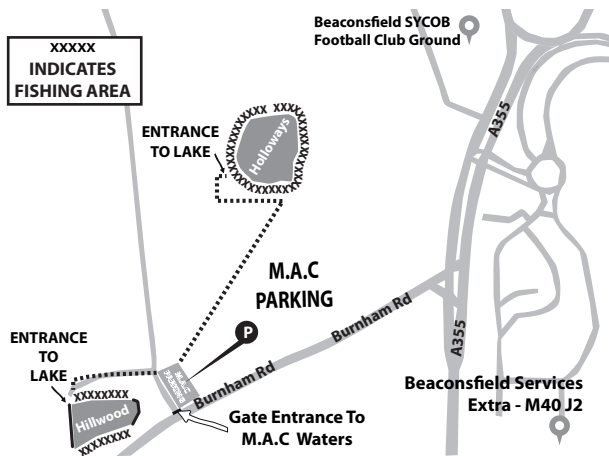
Please note:

Fish from established swims on Biffa Bank, DO NOT fish under the power cables.

Please DO NOT use keepnets to keep large fish in such as tench, carp etc., especially during the warm weather.

# HILLWOOD & HOLLOWAY PONDS

Both of these ponds are situated on the Hall Barn Estate south of the M40 in Beaconsfield. From J2 of M40, take Slough road for approx. 100m before turning right into Burnham Road, just after the sign for Beaconsfield Football Club. the locked gate is on the right approx. half a kilometre down the road. A key is required to unlock the 1st gate (purchase from the club) & the 2 other gates have a combination code which can be found on back of your permit.

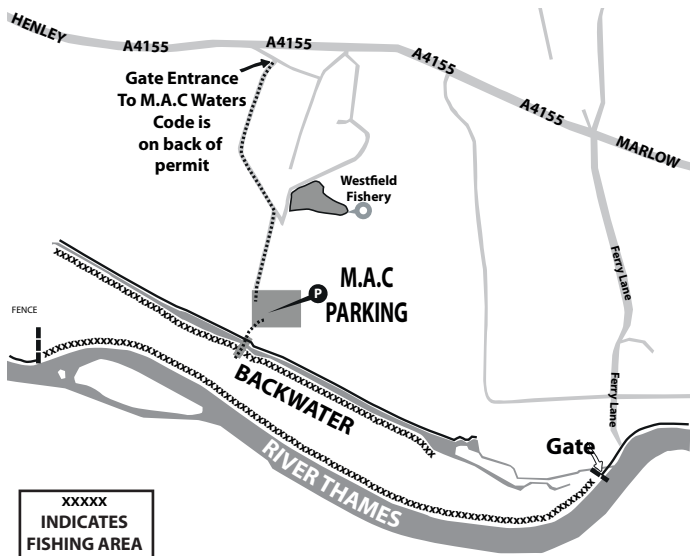


Fishing is from 7am until dusk, you **MUST** leave before its dark. Only fish from designated swims. Please park in car park. Please do not drop any litter, & please take all litter home with you.

**ENSURE ALL GATES ARE LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.**

# MEDMENHAM

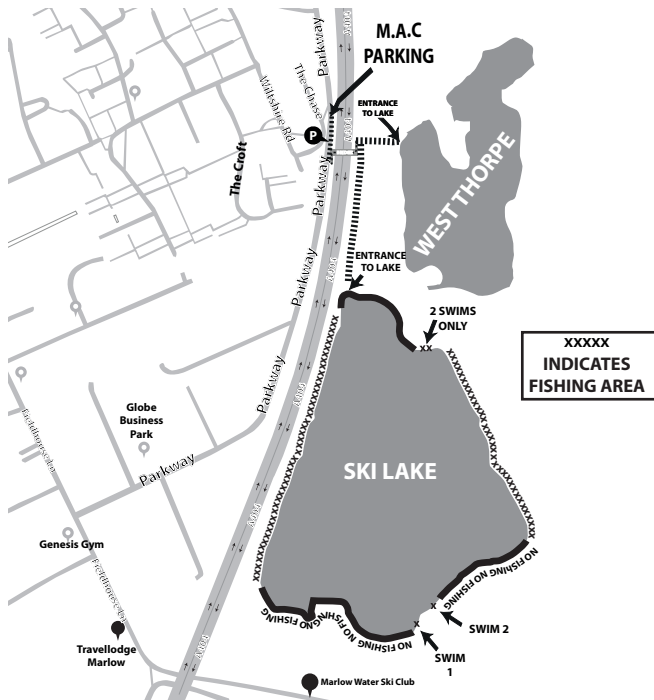
Take the A4155 from Marlow towards Henley, Medmenham is approx 5kms away. Parking is in the field via the entrance in the layby further down the A4155 on the left.



Please note:

Special rules - Minimum main line - 4lb, this also applies to fishing with a pole. Please lock all gates & park carefully (Main gate to farm & gate by the backwater). No fishing in front of the memorial or before the gate.

# MARLOW SKI LAKE



Due to the misuse of the facility there will be **NO PARKING** at the Ski Lake. Parking for the Ski Lake and Westhorpe Pit is in the Parkway.

Any members that park in the Ski Lake face expulsion from the club.

Marlow AC will not be responsible for the release of any persons who are locked in.

Fishing will be from the signed areas only.

# **USEFUL NUMBERS**

**EA:0800 80 70 60**

**POLICE: 01494 465888**

**RSPB:01295 253330**

**SWAN SANCTUARY: 01932 240790**

**Swan Support & Rescue 07968 868 172 or  
07572 450 967**

**RSPCA:08705 555999**

Please help to keep our fisheries free from litter

Marlow Angling Club

Established 1937

